IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JORGE NELSON : CIVIL ACTION

: NO. 02-4776

DONALD T. VAUGHN, et al.

v.

ORDER

AND NOW, this day of April, 2004, it appearing that:

- a. Plaintiff filed a petition for habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 on July 18, 2002, at which time he submitted a filing fee of \$5.
- b. By Memorandum and Order of March 23, 2004, the court approved and adopted the Report and Recommendation of Magistrate Judge Carol Sandra Moore Wells and denied plaintiff's habeas petition.
- c. On April 6, 2004, plaintiff filed a timely notice of appeal and has requested leave to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that upon careful review of the affidavit in support of plaintiff's petition for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal, plaintiff's petition is **DENIED**:

- 1. Petitioner had \$390.24 in his prison account on March 31, 2004; his inmate account balance was not under \$164 for the six months preceding, and was as high as \$1,396.
- 2. His prison account shows deposits, probably representing prison employment, and personal gifts, presumably from family members (\$500 and \$1,000).
- 3. His prison account shows numerous withdrawals as personal gifts, charitable contributions, purchase of a Sony television set, and cable TV service.
- 4. His prison account shows a \$500 withdrawal to a savings account at Wachovia Bank, although the account is not listed in his affidavit.
 - 5. The district court is of the opinion that plaintiff can afford to pay the fees on appeal.